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- (a) three or more support components each of which has a base end and an accessory-support end;
 - (b) wherein each support component has its accessory-support end engaged directly or indirectly to accessory-support ends of every other support component;
 - (c) two or more independent base-attachment structures each of which is engaged to a base end of one of said support components;
 - (d) wherein each of said base-attachment structures comprises means for securing it to the base structure;
 - (e) wherein one or more of said base-attachment structures are biaxially pivotally engaged to said base end of one of said support component(s) by a ball-and-socket joint;
 - (f) accessory-attachment structure to which the accessory may be mounted; and
 - (g) wherein said accessory-attachment structure is engaged directly or indirectly to and/or comprises one or more of said accessory-support ends of said support components.
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6. (amended) The universal accessory-mounting assembly of Claim 5, wherein:

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- (a) for each support component, which is directly or indirectly uniaxially pivotally engaged to other support components, said universal accessory-mounting assembly includes structure which can be utilized to selectively secure the orientation of said support component, which is directly or indirectly uniaxially pivotally engaged to other support components, relative to all others of said support components.
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18. (amended) A vehicle, comprising:

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- (a) one or more frame structures to which a large percentage of other components of said vehicle are directly or indirectly engaged and from which said components which are directly or indirectly engaged thereto derive support;
 - (b) a suspension system which is engaged to said one or more frame structures of said vehicle and which supports said one or more frame structures of said vehicle above the ground and provides said vehicle with a relatively low resistance to movement along the ground;
 - (c) one or more body structures, which are engaged to and supported by said one or more frame structures and within or upon which passengers and/or cargo may reside;

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- (d) a universal accessory-mounting assembly that is mounted to a base structure which is one of said body structures of said vehicle;
 - (h) wherein said universal accessory-mounting assembly comprises three or more support components each of which has a base end and an accessory-support end;
 - (i) wherein each support component has its accessory-support end engaged directly or indirectly to accessory-support ends of every other support component;
 - (j) wherein said universal accessory-mounting assembly comprises two or more independent base-attachment structures each of which is engaged to a base end of one of said support components and each of which is also attached to said vehicle body structure which is said base structure;
 - (k) wherein one or more of said base-attachment structures are biaxially pivotally engaged to said base end of one of said support component(s) by a ball-and-socket joint;
 - (l) wherein said universal accessory-mounting assembly further comprises accessory-attachment structure to which an accessory is mounted; and
 - (m) wherein said accessory-attachment structure is engaged directly or indirectly to and/or comprises one or more of said accessory-support ends of said support components.
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23. (amended) The vehicle of Claim 22, wherein:

- (a) for each support component, which is directly or indirectly uniaxially pivotally engaged to other support components, said universal accessory-mounting assembly includes structure which can be utilized to selectively secure the orientation of said support component, which is directly or indirectly uniaxially pivotally engaged to other support components, relative to all others of said support components.
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